

Resolution No.:	<u>17-784</u>
Introduced:	<u>June 11, 2013</u>
Adopted:	<u>June 18, 2013</u>

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

By: County Council at the Request of the Executive

SUBJECT: Maryland Economic Development Assistance Authority and Fund Loan to assist Choice Hotels International, Inc.'s expansion in Montgomery County (\$1,144,000)

Background

1. The County Executive endorses a conditional loan of \$1,144,000 to Choice Hotels International, Inc. ("Choice Hotels International") from the State of Maryland under the Maryland Economic Development Assistance Authority and Fund ("MEDAAF"), which is codified as Md. Code Ann., Econ. Dev. §5-310 to §5-328.
2. MEDAAF provides conditional grants/loans to businesses engaged in eligible industries locating to or expanding in a "priority funding area" in the State of Maryland. Proceeds from the grant/loan may be used by the borrower to reimburse for the acquisition or construction of buildings or real estate, and acquisition, construction and installation of machinery, equipment, furnishings, fixtures, leasehold improvements, site improvements, or infrastructure improvements.
3. The County has approved and is ready to disburse a conditional grant of \$1,920,150 from the County's Economic Development Fund ("EDF") to assist Choice Hotels International's relocation and expansion in the County.
4. Choice Hotels International is one of the world's largest and most successful lodging companies. Choice Hotels International operates over 5,800 hotels worldwide and has been in the County for forty-one (41) years.
5. Choice Hotels International has recently relocated its corporate headquarters from Silver Spring to its newly constructed Class A office building in downtown Rockville with approximately 125,000 square feet of office space and approximately \$65 million of capital investment in the County. Choice Hotels International plans to provide at least 450 full-time jobs in the County in ten years.

6. Md. Code Ann., Econ. Dev. §5-319(d) requires the governing body of the jurisdiction in which the project is located to endorse, by a formal resolution, the granting of the MEDAAF loan for the project.
7. The County has determined that granting the MEDAAF loan for the project is in the best interest of the citizens of the County.
8. The County Executive requests that the Council adopt this formal resolution approving the MEDAAF loan for the project.

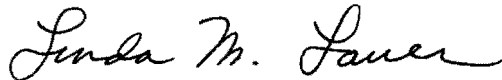
Action

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following resolution:

The County Council hereby endorses the granting of the referenced MEDAAF loan for the project.

This Resolution is effective upon its adoption in accordance with applicable law.

This is a correct copy of Council action.



Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council

Approved:


Isiah Leggett, County Executive